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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: MS Settlement

Dear Sirs,

I do not agree with the terms of your settlement with Microsoft. This company entered into an agreement with Justice in 1995 and immediately broke it. This has caused great expense to the taxpayers.

Microsoft does not innovate and develop new ideas in application software. They simply steal their ideas from other software developers and add it to their operating systems and force OEM's to exclude the competing software. Microsoft will, in my opinion, find a way around the limitations in your agreement with them and continue business as usual. In the future how many software developers will want to spend a lot of time and money to develop new software technology only to have Microsoft steal their ideas and put them out of business?

Because of their tactics, we will never know what the PC computing experience might have been. Microsoft writes unreliable and insecure software, but because of their monopoly, hard-working, more talented software developers were railroaded right out of the business and never had a chance. Just imagine if we had an operating system that didn't crash every time you turned around. We will never know now and that is sad.

Sincerely,
Donald Marsh

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